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## WAR BUGABOO ON THE RUN.

While we regard present relations between the United States and Germany as serious, we never have from the first believed the issues involved could not be settled by diplomacy. While Germany is undoubtedly war mad and has for many years been a victim of that distemper, we prefer to believe that her reason has not been entirely dethroned. Thousands of Germans in the United States who have come here to stay, whose all is in the country of their adoption, do not want war between America and the Fatherland, and they are showering telegrams to Congressmen, representing their districts imploring them to avert a crash.

A Baltimore paper this morning makes some practical observations at this crisis. Among other things it says the war bugaboo is on the run! If all the pessimists who argue in the street cars, on the corners, in hotels, restaurants and wherever the public gathers, could listen for only 15 minutes to the business men of the country, and especially to the men at the head of the big financial institutions who talk and deal in millions, quite likely they, too, would be on the run. The greatest optimism prevails among the financiers, who declare the possibility of war with Germany is so remote that they do not care to discuss it. No one is taking that phase of the international question very seriously.

Germany, the moneyed men point out, does not want to fight America—in fact, such an act, they say, would to a certain extent be national suicide. Germany, they believe, will accede to the demands of President Wilson and agree to a moderation of the U-boat warfare. And this is how they explain the entire situation:

When the conflict that is now raging throughout Europe ends, as it must some day, Germany will be in dire financial straits. Money will be needed and the United States will be the only country the German Empire can appeal to. England cannot, in fact, would not if it could, advance a loan. France needs money herself. Italy will soon be borrowing. Russia now needs all it can borrow. And Austria-Hungary will be in the same boat with Germany. So, taking all in all, it is pointed out, the United States is the only country to which the warring nations can turn for funds.

## AMERICA'S POSITION.

A cotemporary says America knows and the world knows, that should this country enter the European war there would be but one outcome—for the United States is amply able to control the outcome of the gigantic world conflict. The nation of a hundred million population, of the highest average of any nation upon the face of the globe, the nation with resources beyond any possibility of exhaustion, the nation with history traditions and friendships that make it incomparable and unconquerable—this nation has simply said to Germany. You must respect the terms of decency and order in friendly relations or you must avow your enmity if your acts are to be construed as those of intended affront. With the hardships and handicaps that have beset Germany through the war this country has nothing to do. Germany chose to fight and Germany must take the consequences. The Allies chose to fight and the Allies must take the consequences. The United States has not chosen to fight and if forced to do so, Germany must take the consequences.

During the days of waiting for the word or the act of Germany the people of the United States should keep entirely cool.

The government has more to do than wait. It should have its agents posted at every factory of German proprietorship, in order to make sure that its innocence is beyond doubt. It should ferret out any rumors of

suspicious of submarines made here and ready for assembling in American waters. It should place men upon the interned ships and make careful lists no plot for their destruction upon a breach of relations occurring. It should have ample guards and watchmen at every ammunition plant and powder factory. It should do these and a multitude of other acts of preparation and espionage—and doubtless all this is now being done. Tense days of waiting should be beaming days and nothing should be left undone for the preparation of the nation for immediate adaptation to the altered conditions that would be brought about through a breach with Germany. Thus the government should be active, quietly so; the people should keep quiet and dispassionate and wait the outcome of the note with entire assurance that the nation is right, no matter what course Germany shall make necessary.

## A BREAK NEED NOT MEAN WAR.

If it should so happen that the United States should break off diplomatic relations with Germany, it would not by any means at war with each other than they are now. Countries have been out of diplomatic relationship for long periods of years, notably Great Britain and Venezuela, when their celebrated boundary dispute was on, and nothing really serious occurred. They just quit talking to each other in an official and diplomatic way, but that was about all there was to it until diplomatic relations were resumed.

In the event that the United States and Germany were unable to fix up their present differences and a break should come Uncle Sam would give Ambassador von Bernstorff his passport and would guarantee him safe passage back to Germany. He would even take the trouble to see to it the passports were delivered at the German Embassy by a regular messenger from the State Department. At the same time or thereabout Ambassador Gerard would receive at Berlin his official walking papers from the Kaiser.

## MR. BRYAN TO THE RESCUE.

(Baltimore Sun)

From a Waterloo in Nebraska, in which he saw all "his fondest hopes decay"—in which "Brother Charles" lost the gubernatorial nomination, in which his "dry" issue was overwhelmed by the ungodly rummies, in which his candidate for Democratic national committeeman was rejected, in which the man he opposed for the United States Senate was successful—Mr. William Jennings Bryan flies to Washington to save the country from that bold, bad man, Woodrow Wilson. While the great Commoner has been trying to keep little Nebraska in the path of dryness and Bryan righteousness, Woodrow has taken advantage of his absence to get the country into fresh trouble with the Kaiser. If Mr. Bryan had only been in Washington, he might have kept the President in order by firing at him through the press three or four times a week some of his formidable platitudes. But it is not too late yet to rescue the nation, and the country will hold its breath with excitement, as he dashes toward the capital with his arbitration treaties in one hand and a proposal in the other to defer further action until after the war.

But even Nebraska does not take Mr. Bryan seriously any longer, and can he expect to be a world power when folks in his own bailiwick turn his picture to wall? Yet Mr. Bryan will not be discouraged by a little thing like that. He will explain Nebraska satisfactorily to himself, and he will proceed with great authority and solemnity to point out the only possible path for the country in this crisis, and demonstrate that he is the only living man who has a sure cure for its international troubles.

Most men would lie quiet for awhile after such a clubbing as Mr. Bryan has just got in Nebraska. But few mortals are blessed with such tough moral fibres as he possesses. Nothing would hurt him but to be stricken dumb. No matter what happens, as long as he can talk he is supremely happy.

## TO SINK THEIR OWN SHIPS

(Baltimore American)

In case of breach of relations—which would not entail war, although war aggravation would at all times be much more acute than it has been—the United States could and would make use of the interned German ships. These would be employed to carry supplies of foodstuffs and munitions and other articles of war need to the ports of the Allies. Thus the German ships would be used in service of Germany's foes.

Berlin says that if a breach comes submarine activity would be inten-

sified and the intimation is that all rules would be laid aside and the submarine would run amuck. Thus if the German ships should be taken over and used for carriage of American products the Germans in sinking them would sink their own property, as, without war, the ships would have to be returned to their German owners upon the close of the strife.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

The British cabinet crisis over conscription has definitely passed, according to official announcement last night.

The Concordia of Rome, states that the Crown Prince of Greece is visiting the German kaiser and the Austrian emperor on an important mission.

An imperial decree has been issued in Germany prohibiting Germans from visiting Austria, and neutral countries, says a wireless dispatch from Rome.

Joseph Morine, a son of the proprietor of the Essex House, Salem, Mass., was instantly killed and Harry P. J. Churchill, of Salem, was badly injured early yesterday when their automobile turned turtle.

It is reported that 200 Carranza troops en route to Torreon from Saltillo were killed Wednesday when their train was attacked by Villa bandits of Gen. Canuto Reyes' command.

President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson with about 13,000 other fans and fanesses saw the Nationals start on their spring drive yesterday for the American League baseball penant. The Nationals won.

Greek residents of Turkey are being massacred by wholesale, according to reports received at the allies' headquarters at Saloniki. The outrages appear to be incited by the Ottoman authorities.

J. R. Stratton, of Pittsboro, Ontario, for twenty-five years a member of the Canadian Parliament, died yesterday at Hot Springs, Ark., after 36 days of fasting, and his physician, Prof. K. Feigis, is under arrest on a charge of manslaughter.

Discovery of a gigantic Teutonic plot to incite insurrection in India was responsible for the seizure by a British warship of a number of Germans and Austrians on the American steamer China in far eastern waters, it is learned.

Germany has at last agreed to permit 15,000 tons of dyestuffs to be shipped to the United States for the use of American manufacturers who have been clamoring for it for more than a year and whose business has been threatened with disaster. Great Britain has already agreed to permit the shipment to reach this country without molestation. Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, made the decision of his government made known in a communication to Secretary of State Lansing.

Timothy J. Lyons, a San Francisco attorney, and Mrs. Ada Diamond, recently from Salt Lake City, were found dead yesterday in a hotel room in San Francisco with the gas flowing from an open jet. The woman left three notes. The police believe she wrote them and turned on the gas after Lyons was asleep. Mrs. Diamond was a clairvoyant. According to the notes left by the woman, she met Lyons when he came to her for seance. She charged that his affection for her chilled.

## NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seminole Land and Investment Company will be held at the principal office of the Company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, MAY, 1st, 1916, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 m., to elect Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transacting of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

L. V. FRENCH, Secretary

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"When the farmer buys a motor car he has 'to be shown,'" says a sales executive of Dodge Brothers, Detroit. "He doesn't take anything on say so. And he particularly searches for the hidden quality. The average city man is very strong for looks and design but only in rare cases is he possessed of much knowledge of mechanics and then, too, he is schooled in the proposition that even if something goes wrong with his car it is only a step to a garage.

"But the countryman adopts an entirely different attitude when he buys a car. He is usually motor wise. He has been operating his farm machinery by gasoline engine and is familiar with the principle and operation of motors. He has before him at all time the thought that he must have a car that will 'take him there and back'. In other words, he will not take chances on a car that may strand him 10 miles from home and three or four from help.

"He is a close reader of motor car advertising literature. In most cases when he plans buying a car he has been giving the subject thought for a year or so and reading up on it. He keeps the salesman on his toes with his questions and he demands absolute frankness.

"We notice the difference in the attitude of the city man and the farmer when they go through our plant. The urban dweller pays attention to the externals; to the imminence of the plant, the great number of men employed, the production, etc. The rural visitor wants to be shown the details of manufacture, particularly the hidden mechanism and the hidden quality of the materials. Going through the upholstery shop, for instance, the city man looks at the finished bodies and admires their appearance while the farmer examines the leather and satisfies himself of its quality and that of the curled hair which we use."

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of the late Robert F. Knox, all persons to whom said estate is indebted are requested to send me their accounts properly verified for payment and all persons who are indebted to the estate are requested to make prompt settlement.

ROBERT F. KNOX, Jr.

## Easter Cards and Booklets

Garden Seeds Boxed for Easter

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Prayer Books and Hymnals.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

**WANTED—Young men or boys. Apply Western Union Telegraph Co., 1401 F. Street N. W. Washington, D. C. 21-4t**

**WANTED—Girls to work in laundry. Apply Alexandria Laundry Co. 1210 Queen street.**

**WANTED—Houseboat, address giving all details and etc., H. W. Gazette Office. 19-3t.**

**FOR RENT — Apartments at The Stuart, 421 1-2 King street. Phone 118 or 344L. Keys at 604 King St. Fairfax Company, 14-1w**

**BOARDERS—One large front room (second floor) suitable for gentleman and wife or two gentlemen, one large middle room, one back room; good table, early breakfast; all modern conveniences, terms reasonable 220 N. Columbus. 12-3t.**

**H. E. WEBB —Fine paperhanging and interior decorating, good work and lowest prices. All work guaranteed. Window shades made to order, 921 King street. 7-1m.**

**FOR SALE—One 1913 Overland (5 passenger) just overhauled. One 1914 Ford, first class condition. Two 1914 Fords, good as new. Bargains if sold quick. Fletcher-Demaine Co., 123 South Alfred St.**

**WANTED—Antique square and upright pianos, Hugo Worch, No. 1110 G street, Washington, D. C. 18tf**

**FOR RENT—Houses 405, 409, 411, N West St., 6 rooms and bath \$14. per month. 1315 Princess street, 6 rooms and bath. \$13.50; 1317, 6 rooms \$12.00; Water rent included. Keys at Leachman and Saum store Cor. Queen and Payne Street.**

**WANTED — Wanted to hear from owner of good farm for sale. Send cash price and description. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn. M.4-18. A1-5-23 M.20.**

**WANTED — To borrow \$5,000.00. First trust on improved farm property. No agents. Box 65 care of Gazette. 19-3t.**

**WANTED—Experienced sales lady for dry goods and notions, 319 King street. 20-1t.**

**FOR RENT—Two rooms furnished or unfurnished, Apply 1002 King street 20-3t.**

**JUST RECEIVED—Lot of government desks; one fine rug, cost \$100 only \$22.50; one second hand car, pet, \$12.50; 2 water coolers and stand; 8 iron beds, 2 inch posts; 6 brass beds, 2 inch posts; 50 boy's suit, 8 to 17 years; 50 pair kateh pants, \$1.00 and \$1.25; lot matting rugs; 75 rocking chairs, all styles; 300 dining room chairs, 75 cents and up; also a full stock of harness and parts of harness; harness repaired. Many other goods just received. Bernheimer and Co., 200 King street. 20-3t.**

**LOST—One small dog's collar with tag attached. Return to 508 N. Washington street and receive reward 19-1t**

**WANTED—A boy with a bicycle, at once. Apply to Blue Ribbon Shoe Co., 407 King street. 21-3t.**

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## Richmond-Surprise Theaters

### TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

### Richmond

Charles Richmond, who was recently starred in "The Battle Cry of Peace" and Edith Storey and other famous Vitaphone players in

**The Two Edged Sword**  
Five part Vitaphone Blue Ribbon feature.

### SATURDAY

Daniel Frohman presents Marguerite Clark in  
**The pretty sister of Jose**  
Five parts

### MONDAY

Bosworth Inc. presents Elsie Janis in  
**Betty in Search of a Thrill**  
Paramount five parts

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Following Monday night's performance, the Richmond Theatre will be closed for extensive improvements. Notice of opening later. All big features on regular Richmond Program will be shown at the Surprise

### Surprise

Helen Holmes in

### The Girl and The Game

Chapter 15 "Driving the last Spike." Two parts.

Broadway Star Feature presents William Dunn, Belle Bruce, Naomi Childers and Kate Price in

### The Man he Used to Be

### Bungles Enforces the Law

Vim comedy

### SATURDAY

Selig presents Fritz Brunette in

### The Uncut Diamonds

## SWAN BROS. Easter Preparedness

We were never better prepared to serve our patrons at the present time. Our variety of spring and summer merchandise is large and complete, and as we anticipated our purchase far in advance for this season. You will find very little change in prices here, over last season. Our Easter Exhibition is now ready and with an augmented force we are prepared to serve you promptly and politely.

## FOR SALE

One of the choicest and best built Brick Dwellings in the City of Alexandria, centrally located, containing eight rooms and every modern convenience, including hot water heat, electric lights and concreted cellar. Metal Garage in rear. Inspection of this property by permit only.

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